the lowest bidder has already been issued. However, the LoA was cancelled due to submission of fake bank guarantee by the bidder who has been black listed. The process for invitation of bids has been initiated afresh.

(e) and (f) Stretch in Dakshina Kannada linking Surathkal with Kundapura is proposed to be 4 laned on Build Operate Transfer (BOT) basis under NHDP Phase III which is yet to be approved by the Government.

Statement

The status of progress of Port Connectivity Project under Special Purpose Vehicle

Sl. No.	Port Connectivity Project	Name of the Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV)	Date of Incorporation with Registrar of Companies, NCT Delhi and Haryana
1.	Mormugao	Mormugao Port Road Co. Ltd.	26.12.2000
2.	Jawaharlal Nehru Port Phase I and II	Mumbai-Jawaharlal Nehru Port Road Co. Ltd.	26.12.2000
3.	Visakhapatnam	Visakhapatnam Port Road Co. Ltd.	26.12.2000
4.	Haldia	Calcutta-Haldia Port Road Co. Ltd.	26.12.2000
5.	Chennai and Ennore	Chennai-Ennore Port Road Co. Ltd.	26.12.2000
6.	Cochin	Cochin Port Road Co. Ltd.	19.01.2004
7.	Paradip	Paradip Port Road Co. Ltd.	19.01.2004
8.	Tuticorin	Turicorin Port Road Co. Ltd.	19.01.2004
9.	New Mangalore	New Mangalore Port Road Co. Ltd.	19.01.2004

National Highways in Bihar

†2353. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the length of State roads in Bihar which have been declared as National Highways during the Ninth and Tenth Five Year Plans and the total length of roads which are National Highways at present; and

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(b) the details of the total amount earmarked and provided by the Central Government during the Ninth and Tenth Five Year Plan period for the upkeep and maintenance of such National Highways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) 2148 kms. and 225 kms. of State roads in Bihar have been declared as National Highways during the Ninth and Tenth Five Year Plan, respectively. At present, total length of National Highways in the State of Bihar is 3629 kms.

(b) Rs. 401 crore and Rs. 369 crore have been allocated for the State of Bihar during the Ninth and Tenth Five Year Plan (till November, 2004), respectively for the upkeep and maintenance of National Highways.

Special package for Pradhan Mantri Bharat Jodo Pariyojana

†2354. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have renamed Pradhan Mantri Bharat Jodo Pariyojana as National Highway Development Phase-III;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to introduce this scheme only in few state; and

(d) whether Government propose to prepare a special package for this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. "Pradhan Mantri Bharat Jodo Pariyojana" has been renamed as National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase-III. The name has been changed considering the fact that project will be implemented by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and will be an extension of NHDP Phase I and II.

(c) No, Sir. NHDP Phase III covers 28 States and 2 Union Territories.

(d) NHDP Phase III is proposed to be implemented on Build Operate Transfer (BOT) basis.

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